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RAISED FOR OUR JUSTIFICATION

Christ was delivered for our offences and
was raised again for our justification.

Romans 4, 25

WHEN I LOOK AT MY SINS, they slay me. Therefore I must look upon Christ, Who drew my sins upon Himself and has become a blessing. Now they lie no longer on my conscience but on Christ, and they seek to slay Him. Let us see then, how they get on with Him.

They cast Him down and kill Him.

O Lord God, Where is now my Christ and my Redeemer?

Then God comes and brings Christ forth and makes Him alive. And not only alive, but He sets Him in heaven and lets Him rule over all things.

Now where is sin? It is on the gibbet.

And when I hold believe it, I conscience like am without sin. death, the devil, to do me harm.

Inasmuch as I am Adam, they can shortly die. But

has laid upon Himself my sin, and has died for it and has been slain for it, they can do me no harm for Christ is too strong for them. They cannot hold Him. He breaks forth and smites them to the ground and ascends into heaven, binds and fetters sin and sorrow, and rules over them eternally.

Therefore I have a good conscience, I am joyful and blessed and fear those tyrants no longer, for Christ has taken away my sin from me and laid it on Himself. But they cannot remain on Him.



on to this and have a joyful Christ, for Now I can dare sin and hell

a descendant of harm me; I must now that Christ

"On the Fruit and Power of
the Resurrection of Christ"

Martin Luther

A MISSION BEGETS A MISSION

For ten years, ever since 1947, our Lutheran mission in Nigeria has had a dream: to send out and finance its own missionary.

It has much to show for its twenty-one years - a chain of 100 elementary schools, teachers' school, seminary, hospital, orphanage; native pastors, teachers and medical aids - but not a foreign missionary.

Years ago, the annual synod - which our Nigerian brethren call the Aqua Esop or "Great Assembly" - had resolved to establish a mission outside their own province. In 1957 that dream came true.

325 miles northeast of Obot Idim, headquarters of the mission, is the province of Ogoja. It's a land of peanuts, no cows, tsetse flies, nudism and 99% illiteracy.

The language is Yala, vastly different from Efik, the tongue of the Lutheran mission. Roman Catholics have a monopoly on the schools but just in this sphere is our opportunity. A Scottish missionary society, about to move to another area, is ready to hand its several schools over to our mission.

In April 1957, a team of two missionaries - the one American, the other Nigerian - entered Ogoja.

The American with his wife and two children began work among the Yache Gabu clan. In six months he had eight preaching places, with ten more villages asking for his ministry. The first church was built at a place called Alifokpu.

Thirty miles away the Nigerian missionary, Pastor Etim, began his mission to the Ishibori tribe. The eyes of Nigerian Lutherans are upon him in a very special way. Pastor Etim is their very own missionary. With their own funds Nigerian Lutherans will build his church and pay his salary and expenses.

Congratulations to a sister Church in another part of the British Commonwealth! Pray that the Holy Spirit may soften the heathen hearts of the Yache Gabus and of the Ishiboris.

DELEGATES TO 1958 SYNOD

A. Voting Delegates

1. Luther-Tyndale Memorial Congregation, London
MR. H. A. A. SMITH
MR. CHARLES LAWTON (Alternate)
THE REV. NORMAN HEINTZ
2. Holy Trinity Lutheran Congregation, London
MR. EDWARD WING
THE REV. LOUIS A. BRIGHTON
3. St. Andrews Lutheran Congregation, Ruislip
MR. G. HUMPHREYS
THE REV. ARNOLD E. RAKOW
4. St. Timothys Lutheran Congregation, Sunderland

THE REV. FLOYD BOSCE

B. Advisory Delegates

1. Bromley Lutheran Mission, Bromley
2. Petts Wood Lutheran Mission, Petts Wood
MR. L. W. NELSON
THE REV. JOHN SIMS
3. Boreham Wood Lutheran Mission, Boreham Wood
MR. A. W. JEYNES
THE REV. W. P. BORGAS
4. Cardiff Lutheran Mission
MR. W. R. HARVEY
THE REV. MARVIN BRAMMEIER
5. Grindon Lutheran Mission, Sunderland

6. Executive Council

THE REV. E. GEO. PEARCE, Chairman
MR. E. F. R. SMITH, Secretary
MR. ALFRED FLEMMING, Treasurer
THE REV. NORMAN E. NAGEL
MR. E. C. LUTZ
MR. CHARLES FRY

7. Board for Lutheran Agencies

MR. EDWARD CHOWN

8. Church Extension Fund Committee

MR. JAMES TAYLOR

C. Associate Delegates

Cornwall Lutheran Congregation, Redruth

MR. PETER JOSE

THE REV. DESMOND JOSE

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Rev. E. Geo. Pearce, Chairman
The Rev. N. Nagel, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Alfred Flemming, Treasurer (retiring)
Mr. E. F. R. Smith, Secretary (retiring)
The Rev. Louis A. Brighton (retiring)
Mr. Emmanuel C. Lutz
Mr. Charles Fry (to be ratified)

THE BOARD FOR LUTHERAN AGENCIES

The Rev. W. P. Borgas, Chairman
Mr. H. A. A. Smith, Vice-Chairman
Mr. A. W. Jeynes
Mr. Edward Chown
Mr. Derek Dunsbier (to be ratified)

THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND COMMITTEE

Mr. John Dunsbier, Chairman
The Rev. Arnold Rakow, Secretary
Mr. James Taylor, Financial Secretary

Local Representatives

Luther-Tyndale, London	: Mr. T. Reynolds
Holy Trinity, London	: Mr. W. Aichroth
St. Andrews, Ruislip	: Mr. G. Humphreys
St. Timothys, Sunderland	: Mr. A. Longley
Bromley Mission	: Miss C. Lawton
Petts Wood Mission	: Mr. S. Bamford
Boreham Wood Mission	: Mr. A. W. Jeynes
Cardiff Mission	: Mr. W. R. Harvey
Grindon Mission	:

THE BOARD FOR YOUTH

The Rev. John Sims, Chairman
Mr. Thomas Roberts, Secretary
Mr. H. A. A. Smith

PETTS WOOD God willing, the fifth ELCE congregation should come into being by the end of June with a communicant membership of 20 - 30 ... after more than a year of instruction, 18 will be received into membership by the rite of Confirmation, seven adults on Whitsunday, eleven youth probably the last Sunday in June ... confirmed in the same service at Petts Wood will be three from Bromley ... Christ Lamb, founder-member of Petts Wood Lutheran Youth Club, will be confirmed at a special Service at Luther-Tyndale in order to become a Lutheran before emigrating to Vancouver, Canada ... Ladies' Guild resolves to collect clothing for Lutherans in Hungary ... Church attendance for February and March: 28, 34, 26, 34, 39, 34, 29, 37, 32.

TOTTENHAM Filmstrips illustrating the sermon may have contributed to higher attendance at midweek Lenten services, but decrease in Sunday attendance will be studied by the Church Council ... special parent-children Easter service in place of Sunday School.

RUISLIP 1957 Financial Statement shows that St. Andrews increased their giving by 15% over last year and gave 16% or 3/4 out of every pound of total disbursements to missions and charity ... 55 present for special Easter service when children narrated events of the Resurrection for their parents ... first birthday party of Baby Paul Rakow and three other boys, all born within four days of each other, interrupted by the flashbulbs of two local newspapers who made it a front-page story.

CARDIFF Church services at Fairwater Institute show no increase ... Sunday School brightest activity, each child attending seeking to bring another ... Cardiff Corporation reports favourable reception of ELCE application for Fairwater church site.

BOREHAM WOOD First Vespers on Easter Day drew 50 worshippers while 70 attended in the morning ... rising attendances since February - 57, 60, 65, 45, 55, 52, 63, 67, 56 - climaxed by 80 on Good Friday ... 16 February-March film shows drew 850 viewers ... both youth clubs thriving.

KENTISH TOWN Voters' Assembly resolves to conduct Holiday Bible School from Aug. 11-15 at Luther-Tyndale ... children from neighbourhood will be invited to spend these days in Bible study and recreation ... congregation also votes £330 to ELCE missions in lieu of Pastor Norman Heintz' travel from America ... SS Nursery Department to meet in Polish Lutheran Church House next to the church ... Youth Club plans Youth Rally at Luther-Tyndale on 11th May ... Ladies' Guild invites other London guilds to hear Miss Nora Mitchell who returns from India for six weeks on 8th April.

CORNWALL Monthly service at the Goonhavern home of Mr. Glen Pedlar conducted by the Rev. E. Geo. Pearce and attended by 12 ... 450 miles north, Cornish Pastor Desmond Jose, held a Communion Service for Lutherans in Glasgow.

SUNDERLAND Midweek Lenten service series ends with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship ... Bible Class will study Book of Acts after Easter recess ... first six families moved into new houses in re-developed area around church.

GRINDON Confirmation of three men on Whitsunday are the firstfruits of two-month old Grindon mission.. youth club, organized and supervised by Pastor Desmond Jose, has growing attendance: 19, 30, 40 ... five ladies found first Ladies' Guild adequate space for effective teaching still a problem every Sunday at 2.30 when 90 children fill the hall visiting American layman undertakes to put through university a young Grindon lad eager to become a Lutheran minister.



ERIC F. R. SMITH

Secretary and founding member of the ELCE Executive Council, 31-year old Eric Smith has served his Church in full-time capacity since 1951 when he joined the London staff of the International Lutheran Hour.

Matriculated from Latymer School in North London Mr. Smith spent much of his 3½ years in the Royal Navy aboard H.M. Aircraft Carrier, "Victorious" ferrying British families evacuated to England after the Japanese invasion of China back to Hong Kong. Upon demobilization he returned to his pre-war firm W. H. Smith & Son Ltd., a nation-wide stationery concern.

The faith-filled drive and vision of this London-born layman has contributed largely to the development of Lutheran Film Service from one copy of a single film in 1951 to one of the leading Christian film distributors in Britain with a turnover of £17,000 in 1957. In 1956 he was appointed General Manager of Lutheran Agencies which incorporates Lutheran Hour, Lutheran Film Service, Lutheran Information Service and Concordia Publishing House Ltd.

Mr. Smith, his wife Lillian and their three daughters Gillian, Susan and Laura, hold membership in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, South Tottenham.

The Lord's Treasury

Total funds received and disbursed for the Lord's work by all ELCE congregations and missions in 1957

E R C E I V E D

From Christians in Britain

Our self-supporting congregations	£4596	
Our subsidized congregations	915	
Our missions	482	
Other sources	1006	
		<u>£6999</u>

From Christians Abroad

Our Church in America and Canada	£10294	
Our Church in Australia	735	
Individual Friends and Groups ..	1073	
		<u>£12102</u>

E S P E N T

For Ourselves	
(Within our own congregations)	£21555
For Others	
(Missions at home and abroad	845

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CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

attaining its 1957 £12000 Goal, the Fund received

Through our Congregations and Missions

a) In Loans	£ 9396
b) In Donations	651

From Friends at home and abroad

a) In Loans	738
b) In Donations	1227
	<u>£12012</u>

400% INCREASE IN FILM SERVICE TURNOVER

Figures just released by Lutheran Film Service show substantial gains for the 1957-58 season ending 30th March.

	1956-57	1957-58
1. No. of Titles	44	75
2. No. of Bookings	1688	2731
3. Film Sales		£1744
4. Turnover	£4180	£17016

Mr. Eric Smith, Film Service Manager, also reported that 1. "Martin Luther", 2. "The Unfinished Task" and 3. "Reaching From Heaven" were the most heavily booked by film users, 95% of whom were non-Lutheran.

700 LETTERS PER WEEK TO LUTHERAN HOUR

Every working day during the 1957-58 season, some 140 letters were received at the London office of the International Lutheran Hour in Gt. Russell St. London, W.C.1. Almost all of these were written by listeners in the British Isles, thousands of whom sent donations of gratitude.

	1956-57	1957-58
1. Letters Received	31000	36263
2. Letters Dispatched	74000	83150
3. Bible Correspondence		
Course Enrolees	802	663
4. Listeners' Donations	£2792	£2390

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1958 SPRINGFIELD CONCORDIA CHOIR TOUR

United Kingdom Itinerary

June 17 Bradford	June 26 Cardiff
June 18	..... Edinburgh	June 27	..... Bristol
June 19	..... Sunderland	June 29	..... St. Ives
June 20	..... Glasgow	June 30	..... Plymouth
June 21	..... Belfast	July 1	..... Bournemouth
June 23	..... Liverpool	July 2	..... Brighton
June 24	..... Manchester	July 3	..... Dover
June 25	..... Hereford	July 4	..... LONDON

12000

10000

8000

6000

4000

2000

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

LOANS AND DONATIONS (Receipts to 31st of March)

	<u>Loans</u>	<u>Donations</u>
KENTISH TOWN	£ 65	£ 5
TOTTENHAM	6	0
RUISLIP	17	1
SUNDERLAND	6	0
BROMLEY	2	0
BOREHAM WOOD	0	0
PETTS WOOD	26	50
OTHERS	0	83
Totals	£122	£139
Grand Total		£261

Watch the CEF thermometer rise as we seek again to reach a £12,000 goal. By loans and donations help our own congregation attain its CEF goal. Watch the thermometer in your own church rise and rise.

NORA MITCHELL TO ADDRESS 1958 SYNOD

Miss Nora Mitchell, only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. Mitchell of 95, Abbots Gardens, London, N.2., will address visitors and delegates at the 1958 Synod on Saturday afternoon, 12th April. Her special report on the mission field in India where she has been serving since 1956 will be welcomed by her many Lutheran relations and friends in London.

For many years Superintendent of Luther-Tyndale Sunday School, Miss Mitchell went out to the Lutheran mission in February 1956. From June 1956 to April 1957, interrupted by a fortnight's recuperation after an operation in Ambur, she studied the Tamil language in Bangalore. Since June 1957, she has been teaching English, religion and handicrafts at the Lutheran High School in Vadakungulum in Madras State. During her six weeks' leave at the home of her parents, she will address various Lutheran groups.



Miracle of Easter

The world has only one certified religion, only one religion that bears the signature of heaven and that is the religion of Jesus Christ.

The miracle of the first Easter is God's own signature, attesting the validity of every claim and every promise which Jesus made.

He had claimed that He was the Son of God, that He would lay down His life for the sins of the world, that He would rise again the third day, that all who would repent of their sins and trust in Him would be assured of a place in His "Father's House" above.

Did He have the right to make these promises? Did He have the power to fulfil them? The miracle of Easter shouts a loud affirmative. "He was declared to be the Son of God ... by the resurrection from the dead."

Christians throughout the world rejoice, knowing that they are worshipping, not a dead prophet, but a living Christ, a Christ Who is eternal in the heavens, a Christ Whose Easter resurrection stands unique and unassailed as the signature of heaven.

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